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1. PRIOR RECEIPT REF C, SEYFFERTITZ (FOREIGN OFFICE) IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN IEA GOVERNING BOARD AND ON AUSTRIAN RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT. HE OBSERVED THAT GOA QUITE SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF LAST GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WITH PROGRESS IN SETTING UP THREE COMMISSIONS AS WELL AS PROGRESS TOWARDS DIALOGUE WITH PRODUCERS.

2. AS FOR THE THREE COMMISSIONS HE FELT NEXT STEP SHOULD BE TO CLARIFY LINK. HE COMPARED COMMISSIONS WITH THE BASKET COMMITTEES OF THE CSCE AND FELT THAT THERE COULD NOT BE PROGRESS IN ONE WITHOUT PROGRESS IN THE OTHERS. HE BELIEVED GOVERNING BOARD SHOULD CLARIFY THE "UMBRELLA" THAT WILL PROVIDE THE COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR THE COMMISSIONS. THE GOA VIEW WAS THAT THE IEA SHOULD OF COURSE PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION THAT DEALS WITH ENERGY QUESTIONS. FURTHER, HE SAID THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN AUSTRIA'S VIEW THAT THE IEA MUST PARTICIPATE IN DIALOGUE.

3. AS FOR THE NEXT CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING, SEYFFERTITZ SAID THAT GOA HAD RECENTLY SOUNDED OUT PRODUCING COUNTRIES ON THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS DIALOGUE. GOA CONCLUSION OF THESE SOUNDINGS IS THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE "WITHIN" PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO TAKE A MORE MODERATE STANCE IN FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS. HE OBSERVED THAT ALGIERS IN PARTICULAR APPEARED TO HAVE MODIFIED ITS VIEWS SUBSTANTIALLY WHICH HE SAW AS A HOPEFUL SIGN.

4. REGARDING LEGISLATIVE SITUATION REPORTED IN REFS A AND B, SEYFFERTITZ COMMENTED THAT IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE OF COURSE MOST INTERESTED IN STATE OF PLAY IN WASHINGTON AND WONDERED WHETHER LEGISLATION WOULD PASS BEFORE THE END OF 1975. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO HAZARD A GUESS ON THIS QUESTION. HE CONTINUED THAT AUSTRIAN
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PARLIAMENT HAD APPROVED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING GOA TO RATIFY IEA MEMBERSHIP BUT (AS EMBASSY REPORTED EARLIER) IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION WOULD NOT BE TAKEN UP IN PARLIAMENT UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 5 ELECTIONS. ASKED WHETHER GOA INTENDS TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE SEYFFERTITZ SAID THAT THIS ISSUE HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

5. COMMENT: AUSTRIANS CLEARLY DO NOT WISH TO BE OUT
FRONT IN DEPOSITING FORMAL RATIFICATION AND THUS MAY
WAIT TO DO SO. WE EXPECT NO DIFFICULTY IN GOA SUPPORT
TO EXTENDING TIMETABLE BEYOND SEPTEMBER 1. BUCHANAN

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